

# RENEWS PLAN TO UNITE TWO CITIES

**Joint Committee Will Hold Meeting Wednesday Night to Discuss Measure.**

## WORK ON SATTERFIELD LAW

### Situation Somewhat Complicated

Now, May Easily Be Cleared  
at Conference.

Chairman E. H. Spence said yesterday that he proposed to issue a call to-morrow for a meeting of the special Council Committee on Consolidation of Richmond and Manchester for Wednesday night. This will be the first meeting of the committee, which will organize and canvass the situation, mapping out the work before it.

The situation is somewhat complicated, the original resolution under which this committee was appointed

not meeting the requirements of the act for the consolidation of cities, passed by the Legislature on March 15, 1908.

At the September meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Hobson introduced a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a committee

three from the Common Council and two from the Board of Aldermen, to consider the advisability of annexing Manchester and to confer with a simi-

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Ordinance, Charters and Reform, which reported favorably, the resolution passing both branches of the

resolution passing both branches of the Council and being signed by the Mayor. The presidents of the two branches then announced the appointment of the following committee: From the Common Council, E. H. Spence, A. S. Buford, Jr., and John F. Don Leavy; from the Board of Aldermen, Barton H. Grundy and William H. Adams.

The Manchester City Council was

notified of the appointment of the committee, and asked to appoint a similar committee of conference, the matter being debated in the Manchester City Assembly for several months.

the city assembly for several meetings. The city assembly has agreed to the binding effect of the appointment of such a committee. At the last meeting of the Richmond Board of Aldermen the Manchester City Council, through its clerk, returned the resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee, saying that it did not come under the requirements of the act of March 15, 1906, for the consolidation of cities, in which act it specifies that an ordinance shall not be adopted violating the main points of the agreement or contract for the union by the Council of one city, and that it shall then

In order to meet the objection raised, Alderman Satterfield introduced at the same meeting of the Board an ordinance to provide for the consolidation of the two cities, giving a mere skeleton of the terms to be agreed

upon, and had it referred to the special committee on consolidation, to be put into final shape for presentation to the Manchester government. This ordinance will come before the committee on Wednesday night. As drawn, it provides for the consolidation of the

two cities under the name of Richmond and with the present charter of Richmond; that Richmond assumes all liabilities, and takes over all assets; that Manchester becomes one ward, with equal representation as the other wards of Richmond in the Council and Board; that Richmond guar-

antees the immediate construction of an adequate free bridge; that all Manchester office-holders be provided for until the expiration of their terms, and that all revenues derived from taxation in Manchester for five years be expended upon streets, lights, water, sewer or other public improvements.

Section 8 of the ordinance provides: "That a joint committee, whose duty it shall be to present a certified copy of this ordinance to the Council of the city of Manchester, and to advise and confer with a similar committee therefrom, should one be appointed un-

der a like ordinance passed by the Council of Manchester, for the purpose of arranging the terms and conditions of consolidation."

# TELLS OF DISMAL NIGHT ON OCEAN

John Spear, of Fulton, Was a  
Passenger on the Ill-Fated  
Hamilton

John Spear, of No. 926 Nicholson Street, Fulton, second engineer on the Southern Pacific line of steamers, which ply the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and who is in this city visiting

his mother, was a passenger on the steamer Hamilton, of the Old Dominion Line, when that vessel was caught on the Delaware coast in a severe storm on Wednesday. The steamer was en route from New York to Norfolk.

Spear tells a harrowing tale of panic among passengers, and of dangers, which were surmounted only when the captain of the vessel forced his crew to work at a revolver's point. Men, women and children shrieked in terror; several persons fainted, and no

until late Thursday morning was peacefully restored. The boat pounded and pitched in a heavy sea, which, according to the man now in Richmond, was the worst he ever witnessed.

Five valuable horses, which were being brought South from New York, were killed in their stalls. The animals had been recently shown in the New York Horse Show. Spear reached here on Friday morning.

## WOUNDS END FATALY

**Thomas Birdsong Dies in the Memorial Hospital as Result of Shooting.**  
Thomas Birdsong, twelve years of age of Waverly, Va., died last night at 11:15 o'clock in the Memorial Hospital a little more than twenty-four hours after an operation had been performed for severe gunshot wounds in the abdomen and intestines. The boy accidentally shot himself while hunting.

F. L. Birdsong, father of the young man, who had watched all day by the bedside of his son, was informed of the death within a few minutes after the end came. The boy was hastened to Richmond as soon as possible after the shooting, but from the first there was no chance of his recovery. He sank rapidly from 9 o'clock last night. His remains will be taken to Waverly today.